

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the subject patent application.

Listing of Claims:

1 (Canceled).

2 (Currently Amended): Assembly according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 6, wherein the opening is provided in a region of the rear edge of the support plate forming an angle which is not equal to zero with the front edge of the support plate.

3 (Currently Amended): Assembly according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 6, wherein the hook comprises a resilient blade.

4-5 (Canceled).

6 (Currently Amended): Assembly for an offset printing machine, comprising:

- a blanket unit comprising a blanket and a blanket support plate, the front edge and rear edge of the support plate being bent over in the region of a front bend and a rear bend,

respectively, the rear edge of the support plate protruding beyond the rear edge of the blanket which is located adjacent to the rear bend, and

- a cylinder having an aperture for receiving the front edge and rear edge of the support plate, the cylinder comprising a device for fixing the blanket unit to the cylinder, the fixing device comprising at least one hook for tensioning the blanket unit, the hook being intended to be received in an opening of the rear edge of the support plate, which rear edge is inserted into the aperture, in order to apply to the support plate a tension load which is substantially parallel with the rear edge thereof, the assembly further comprising, at least one element for

pressing on the front edge of the support plate to apply the front edge of the support plate against the front wall of the aperture, the pressing element belonging to the fixing device and being separate from the hook and the support plate Assembly according to claim 5, wherein the pressing element extends, in order to press on the front edge of the support plate, through a passage provided in the rear edge of the support plate the opening which receives the hook.

7 (Currently Amended): Assembly according to ~~claim 5~~ claim 6, wherein the pressing element comprises a resilient blade.

8 (Currently Amended): Assembly for an offset printing machine, comprising:

- a blanket unit comprising a blanket and a blanket support plate, the front edge and rear edge of the support plate being bent over in the region of a front bend and a rear bend, respectively, the rear edge of the support plate protruding beyond the rear edge of the blanket which is located adjacent to the rear bend, and

- a cylinder having an aperture for receiving the front edge and rear edge of the support plate, the cylinder comprising a device for fixing the blanket unit to the cylinder, the fixing device comprising at least one hook for tensioning the blanket unit, the hook being intended to be received in an opening of the rear edge of the support plate, which rear edge is inserted into the aperture, in order to apply to the support plate a tension load which is substantially parallel with the rear edge thereof,

wherein the front edge of the support plate protrudes beyond the front edge of the blanket which is located adjacent to the front bend, the assembly further comprising means for applying the front edge of the support plate against the front wall of the aperture, these application means being separate from the hook, and Assembly according to claim 4, wherein the rear edge of the support plate is itself bent in the region of an intermediate bend

which delimits an end region, in which the opening for receiving the hook is provided, and an intermediate region which is intended to press against the front edge of the support plate and which thereby forms the application means.

9 (Currently Amended): Assembly according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 6, wherein the aperture has a width, near the peripheral surface of the cylinder, of less than 1.5 mm.

10 (Original): Assembly according to claim 9, wherein the width of the aperture is less than 1.1 mm.

11 (Currently Amended): Assembly for an offset printing machine, comprising:

- a blanket unit comprising a blanket and a blanket support plate, the front edge and rear edge of the support plate being bent over in the region of a front bend and a rear bend, respectively, the rear edge of the support plate protruding beyond the rear edge of the blanket which is located adjacent to the rear bend, and

- a cylinder having an aperture for receiving the front edge and rear edge of the support plate, the cylinder comprising a device for fixing the blanket unit to the cylinder, the fixing device comprising at least one hook for tensioning the blanket unit, the hook being intended to be received in an opening of the rear edge of the support plate, which rear edge is inserted into the aperture, in order to apply to the support plate a tension load which is substantially parallel with the rear edge thereof,

wherein the front edge of the support plate protrudes beyond the front edge of the blanket which is located adjacent to the front bend, and ~~Assembly according to claim 1~~, wherein the front wall and rear wall of the aperture form, starting from the peripheral surface of the cylinder, an angle which is less than 20°.

12-14 (Canceled).

15 (Currently Amended): Blanket unit for an offset printing machine, the blanket unit comprising a blanket and a blanket support plate, the front edge and rear edge of the support plate being bent over in the region of a front bend and a rear bend, respectively, the rear edge of the support plate protruding beyond the rear edge of the blanket which is located adjacent to the rear bend, and the offset printing machine comprising
- a cylinder having an aperture for receiving the front edge and rear edge of the support plate, the cylinder comprising a device for fixing the blanket unit to the cylinder, the fixing device comprising at least one hook for tensioning the blanket unit, the hook being intended to be received in an opening of the rear edge of the support plate, which rear edge is inserted into the aperture, in order to apply to the support plate a tension load which is substantially parallel with the rear edge thereof ~~Blanket unit according to claim 14,~~ wherein the rear edge of the support plate is ~~itself~~ bent in the region of an intermediate bend which delimits an end region, in which the opening for receiving the hook is provided, and an intermediate region which is intended to press against the front edge of the support plate in order to apply ~~it~~ the front edge of the support plate against the front wall of the aperture.

16 (Canceled).

17 (New): Assembly according to claim 6, and wherein the pressing element extends through the opening which receives the hook.

18 (New): Assembly according to claim 8, wherein the opening is provided in a region of the rear edge of the support plate forming an angle which is not equal to zero with the front edge of the support plate.

19 (New): Assembly according to claim 8, wherein the hook comprises a resilient blade.

20 (New): Assembly according to claim 8, wherein the aperture has a width, near the peripheral surface of the cylinder, of less than 1.5 mm.

21 (New): Assembly according to claim 20, wherein the width of the aperture is less than 1.1 mm.

22 (New): Assembly according to claim 11, wherein the opening is provided in a region of the rear edge of the support plate forming an angle which is not equal to zero with the front edge of the support plate.

23 (New): Assembly according to claim 11, wherein the hook comprises a resilient blade.

24 (New): Assembly according to claim 11, wherein the aperture has a width, near the peripheral surface of the cylinder, of less than 1.5 mm.

25 (New): Assembly according to claim 24, wherein the width of the aperture is less than 1.1 mm.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 8. This sheet, which includes only Fig. 8, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 8. In Figure 8, the reference numerals have been corrected as suggested in the Office Action. Specifically, the lowermost occurrence of reference numeral 20 has been corrected to be reference numeral 26, and the occurrence of reference numeral 26 appearing in the original Figure 8 has been corrected to be reference numeral 28.